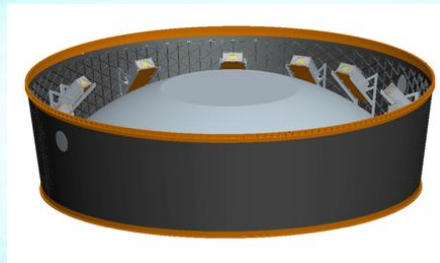
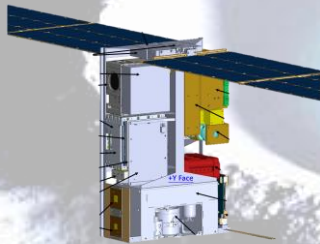


Lunar Volatile Dynamics and the Lunar Ice Cube Mission

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EM1 Deployment System
for the 'lucky 13'

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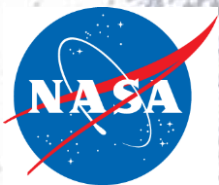
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Current Status

Launch Delay of >1 year, spacecraft delivery delay of 9 months (now end of 2018).

CDR held in June 2017. Preparing for Delta CDR for Flight Software.

All critical / long-lead Flight hardware has been ordered.

FlatSat with non rad-hard subsystems and emulators is close to completion.

Trajectory, navigation, and thermal models along with communications links, mass, volume and power budgets evolving and achieving convergence.

Development and testing Data System beginning during this quarter.

A SPIE Optics paper on BIRCHES published. Paper on mission in progress.

BIRCHES and Lunarcubes: Building the First Deep Space Cubesat Broadband IR Spectrometer

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ABSTRACT

The Broadband InfraRed Compact High-resolution Exploration Spectrometer (BIRCHES), which will be described in detail here, is the compact broadband IR spectrometer of the Lunar Ice Cube mission. Lunar Ice Cube is one of 13 6U cubesats that will be deployed by EM1 in cislunar space, qualifying as lunarcubes. The LunarCube paradigm is a proposed approach for extending the affordable CubeSat standard to support access to deep space via cis-lunar/lunar missions. Because the lunar environment contains analogs of most solar system environments, the Moon is an ideal target for both testing critical deep space capabilities and understanding solar system formation and processes. Effectively, as developments are occurring in parallel, 13 prototype deep space cubesats are being flown for EM1. One useful outcome of this 'experiment' will be to determine to what extent it is possible to develop a lunarcube 'bus' with standardized interfaces to all subsystems using reasonable protocols for a variety of payloads. The lunar ice cube mission was developed as the test case in a GSFC R&D study to determine whether the cubesat paradigm could be applied to deep space, science requirements driven missions, and BIRCHES was its payload. Here, we present the design and describe the ongoing development, and testing, in the context of the challenges of using the cubesat paradigm to fly a broadband IR spectrometer in a 6U platform, including minimal funding and extensive need for leveraging existing assets and relationships on development, the foreshortened schedule for payload delivery on testing, and minimum bandwidth translating into simplified or canned operation.

Keywords: cubesat, broadband IR, lunarcubes, lunar orbiter, 6U, EM1

1. INSTRUMENT OVERVIEW

The versatile GSFC-developed payload BIRCHES (**Figure 1**), Broadband (1 to 4 micron) InfraRed Compact, High-resolution Exploration Spectrometer, is a miniaturized version of OVIRS (Osiris-Rex Visible InfraRed Spectrometer) on OSIRIS-Rex [1]. BIRCHES is a compact (1.5U, 2 kg, 12-25 W) point spectrometer with a compact cryocooled HgCdTe focal plane array for broadband measurements. The instrument includes an IRIS/AIM microcryocooler and controller [2]. The instrument will achieve sufficient SNR (>100) and spectral resolution (10 nm) through the use of a Linear Variable Filter to characterize and distinguish several spectral features associated with water in the 3-micron region, and potentially other volatiles already detected by LCROSS (H₂S, NH₃, CO₂, CH₄, OH, organics) and mineral bands. Typical footprint size will be 10 x 10 km, but will be somewhat smaller at the equator and larger toward the poles. We are also developing compact instrument electronics that can be easily reconfigured to support future instruments with Teledyne HIRG focal plane arrays [1] in 'imager' mode, when the communication downlink bandwidth becomes available. The instrument will enable the Lunar Ice Cube (**Figure 2**) mission science goals: determination of composition and distribution of volatiles in lunar regolith as a function of time of day, latitude, regolith age and composition, and thus enable understanding of current dynamics of lunar volatile sources, sinks, and processes, with implications for evolutionary origin of volatiles.

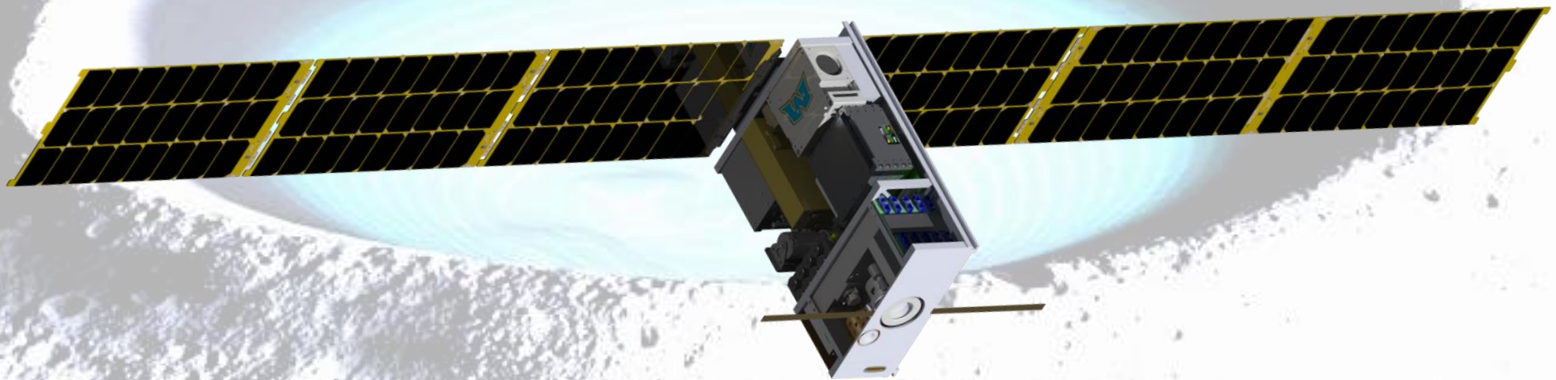
Lunar Ice Cube Science Goals

Goals	Measurements	HEOMD SKG	Current Context
<p>Primary: Determine distribution of forms and components of water as a function of time of day as an isolated variable. Provide inputs to constrain models for water origin, production, and loss</p> <p>Secondary: Consider impact of latitude, slope, and slope orientation (typical illumination and temperature range), as well as composition and age (additional impact on space weathering) on distribution of forms and components of water to the extent possible</p> <p>Tertiary: Determine distribution of other volatiles (e.g., NH₃, H₂S, CO₂, CH₄) to extent possible</p> <p>Tertiary: Consider impact of solar variations if opportunities.</p>	<p>IR measurements in the 1 to 4 micron region associated with volatiles, especially focused on, though not limited to, the 3 micron region at ≤ 10 nm spectral resolution.</p> <p>Utilize existing datasets from other missions (including LRO, Lunar Prospector, LCROSS, LADEE) to correlate with other parameters listed under goals.</p>	<p>1-D Polar Resources 7: Temporal Variability and Movement Dynamics of Surface-Correlated OH and H₂O deposits toward PSR retention</p> <p>1-D Polar Resources 6: Composition, Form and Distribution of Polar Volatiles</p> <p>1-C Regolith 2: Quality/quantity/distribution/form of H species and other volatiles in mare and highlands regolith (depending on the final inclination of the Lunar IceCube orbit)</p>	<p>More evidence for surface ice near south pole and solar exposure related effects</p>

Technology Goals

Demonstrate Enabling Technologies for Interplanetary Cubesats

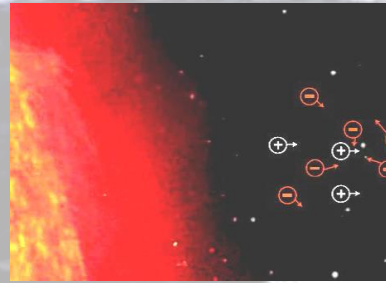
- **Busek BIT 3** - High isp RF Ion Engine
- **NASA GSFC - BIRCHES** Miniaturized IR Spectrometer - characterize water and other volatiles with high spectral resolution (5 nm) and wavelength range (1 to 4 μm)
- **Space Micro C&DH-** Inexpensive Radiation-tolerant Subsystem
- **JPL Iris v. 2.1** Ranging Transceiver
- **BCT- XACT** ADCS w/ Star Tracker and Reaction Wheels
- **Custom Pumpkin-** High Power (120W) CubeSat Solar Array



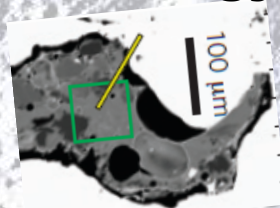
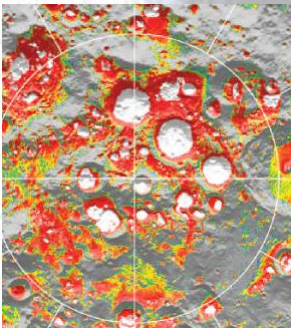
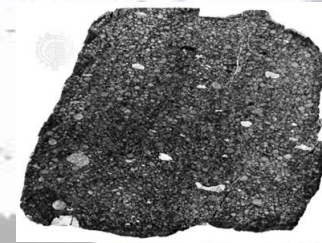
As of PDR, a de facto Science Mission as we are required to deliver science data to PDS archive.

New View: A Lunar Water System

Modified From Bill Farrell



$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \nabla \bullet (Wv) = S_{SW} + S_{infall} + S_{poles} - L_{desorp} - L_{photodiss} - L_{sputter} - L_{impactvapor}$$



Poles (W, OH, V)

W, OH, V

Solar Wind (H⁺)

Hydrogen Sub-Cycle

Meteoric Infall (W, OH, V)

Thermal Migration

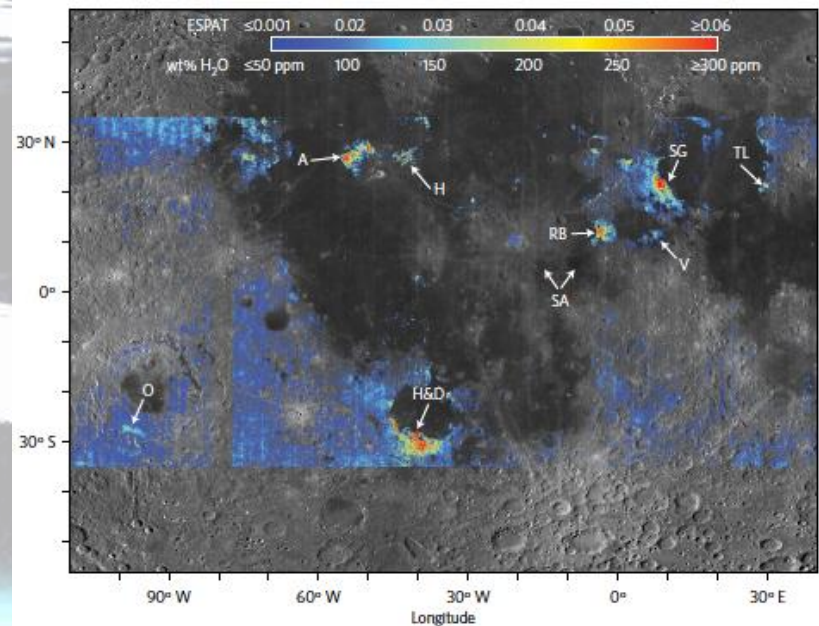
Mineralogy (OH)

Pyroclastics (Bound H₂O)

Bottom Line:

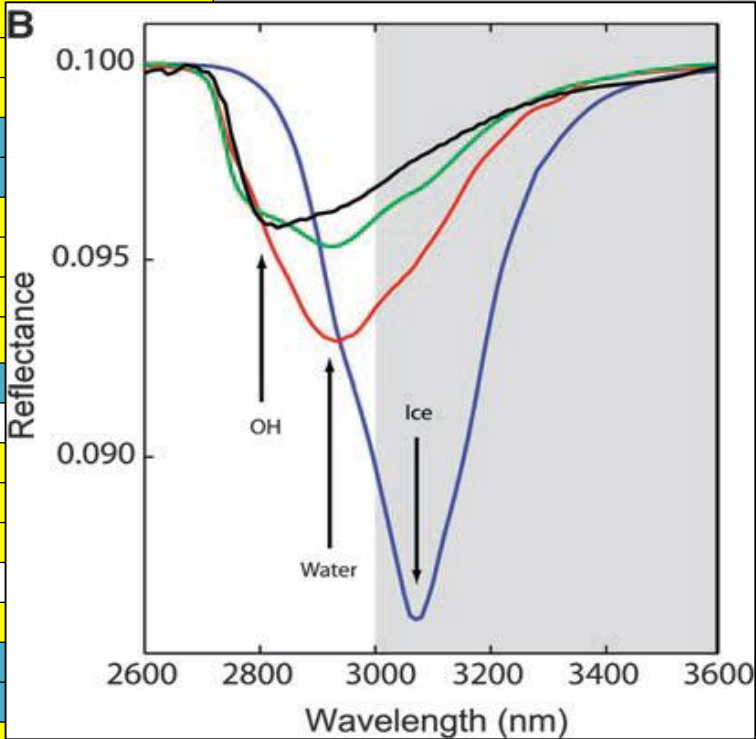
- Given BIRCHES measurements indicating variations in liquid water, ice, OH distribution across the lunar surface as function of time of day, ergo, temperature and illumination regime
- Given context of previous observations and ongoing studies
- we provide measurements that allow further examination of water, ice, and OH 'signatures' and implications for water-related processes including hydroxylation, water adsorption or desorption for:
 - Latitude and local magnetic anomalies
 - Local Slope orientation and shadowing
 - Composition, soil type, and maturity
 - Crater size and age
 - volcanic deposits
 - Transient (as opposed to systematic) effects such as impact or enhanced solar activity events

Example of Recent Study:



(Milliken and Li, 2017) Map of 2.85 u Effective Single Particle Absorption Thickness (ESPAT) derived from M3 at low lunar latitudes. Features apparently associated with pyroclastic deposits, lending credence to hypothesis of volatile-rich (hundreds ppm) sources in mantle. A aristarchus; O orientale, RB Rima Bode, SG Sulpicius Gallus, TL Taur-Littrow.

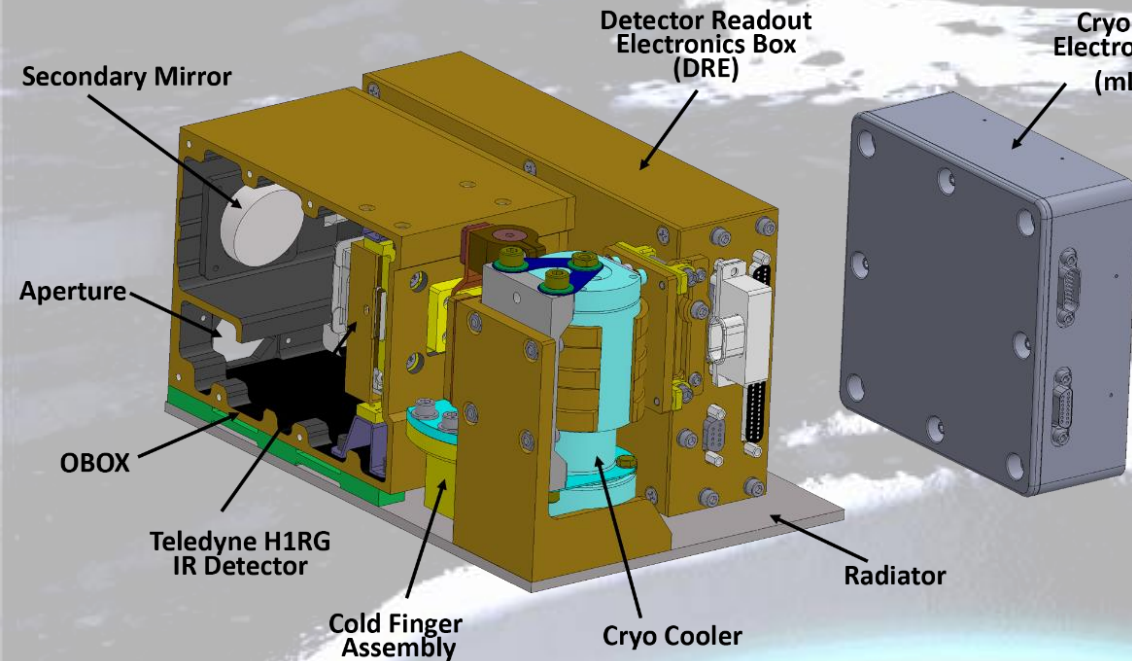
Species	μm	description
Water Form, Component		
water vapor	2.738	OH stretch
	2.663	OH stretch
liquid water	3.106	H-OH fundamental
	2.903	H-OH fundamental
	1.4	OH stretch overtone
	1.9	HOH bend overtone
	2.85	M3 Feature
	2.9	total H2O
hydroxyl ion	2.7-2.8	OH stretch (mineral)
	2.81	OH (surface or structural) stretches
	2.2-2.3	cation-OH bend
	3.6	structural OH
bound H2O	2.85	Houck et al (Mars)
	3	H2O of hydration
	2.95	H2O stretch (Mars)
	3.14	feature w/2.95
adsorbed H2O	2.9-3.0	R. Clark
ice	1.5	band depth-layer correlated
	2	strong feature
	3.06	Pieters et al
Other Volatiles		
NH3	1.65, 2. 2.2	N-H stretch
CO2	2, 2.7	C-O vibration and overtones
H2S	3	
CH4/organics	1.2, 1.7, 2.3, 3.3	C-H stretch fundamental and overtones
Mineral Bands		
pyroxene	0.95-1	crystal field effects, charge transfer
olivine	1, 2, 2.9	crystal field effects
spinel	2	crystal field effects
iron oxides	1	crystal field effects
carbonate	2.35, 2.5	overtone bands
sulfide	3	conduction bands
hydrated silicates	3-3.5	vibrational processes
anticipate wavelength of peak for water absorption band to be structural<bound<adsorbed<ice		



Ice Cube measurements will encompass the broad 3 um band to distinguish overlapping OH, water, and ice features. Will have near 10 nm resolution in this band

Yellow = water-related features in the 3 micron region

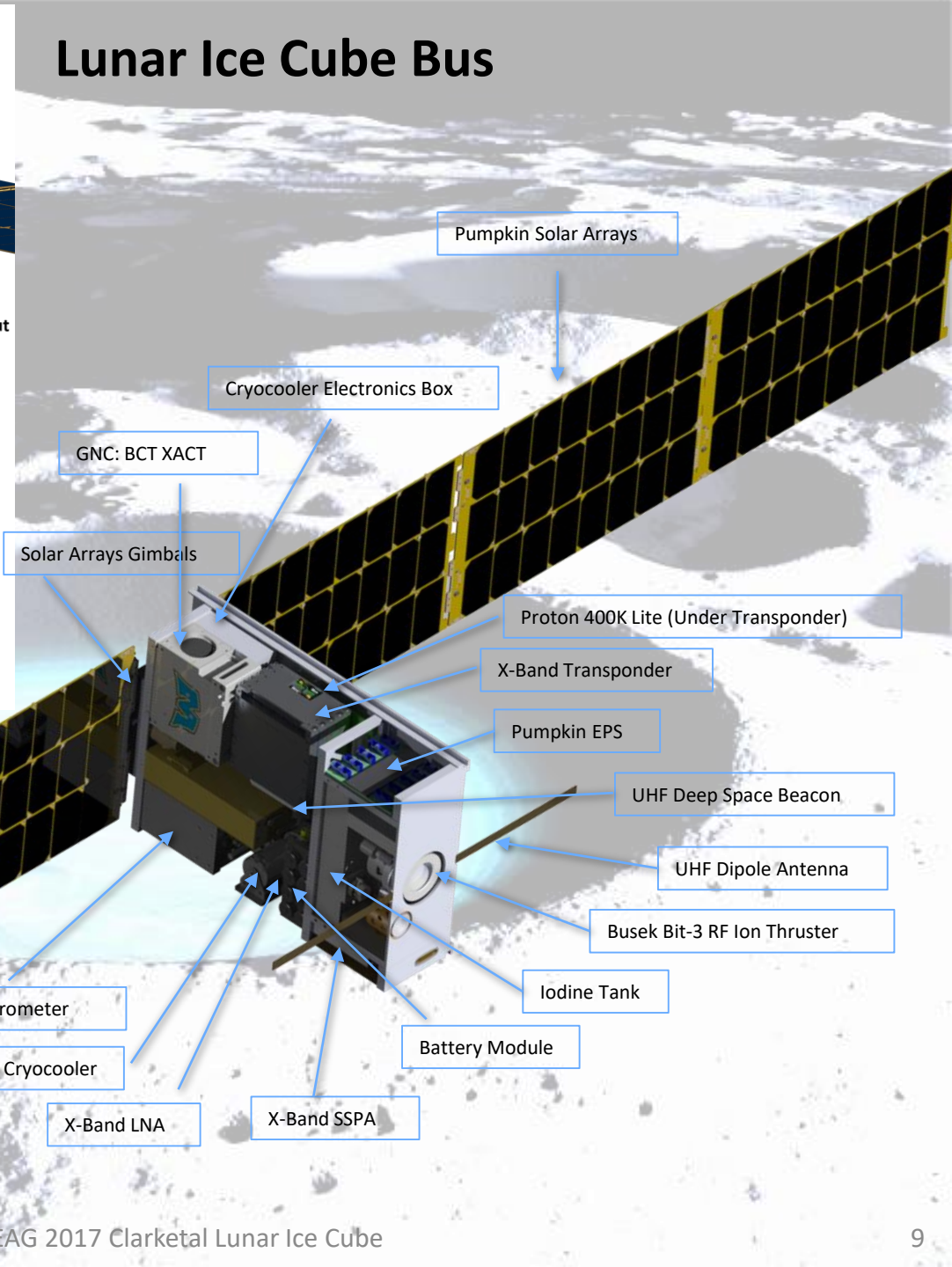
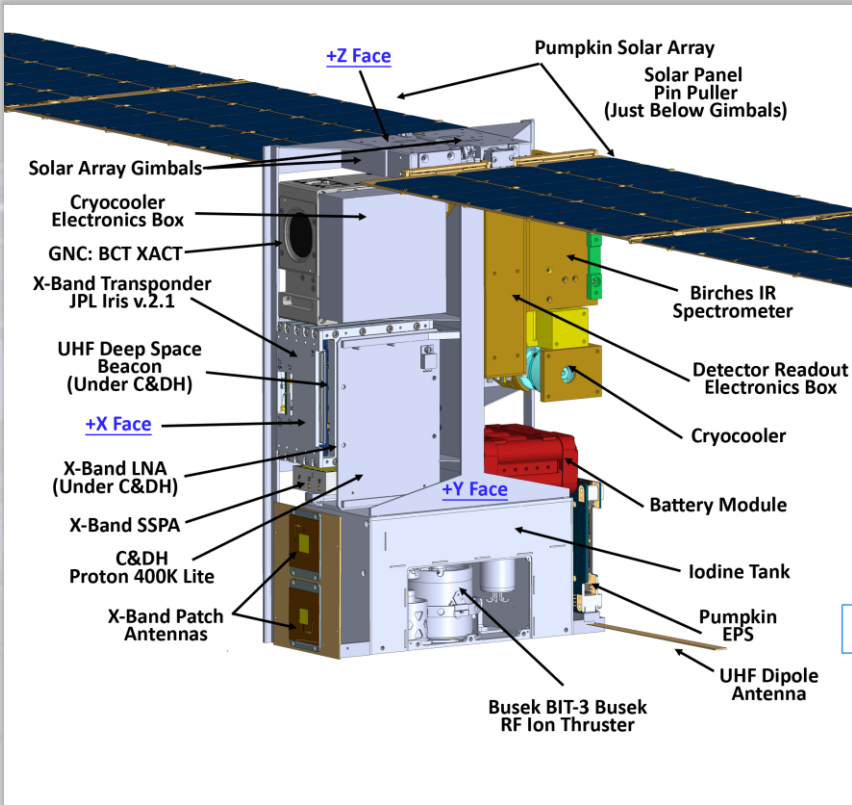
Subsystems Accomplishments - BIRCHES IR SPECTROMETER



BIRCHES compactness		
Property	Ralph	BIRCHES
Mass kg	11	3
Power W	5	#10-20 W
Size cm	49 x 40 x 29	10 x 10 x 15
# includes 3 W detector electronics, 1.5 W AFS controller, 5-10 W cryocooler		

- Lightweight Design Complete
- Specification, Interface Control Documents Complete
- Flight parts ordered or built
- ETU, Power Distribution Unit (PDU) , and Analog Processing Unit (APU) Cards Assembled
- Additional APU card being made as emulator
- Delivery date: February 2017

Lunar Ice Cube Bus

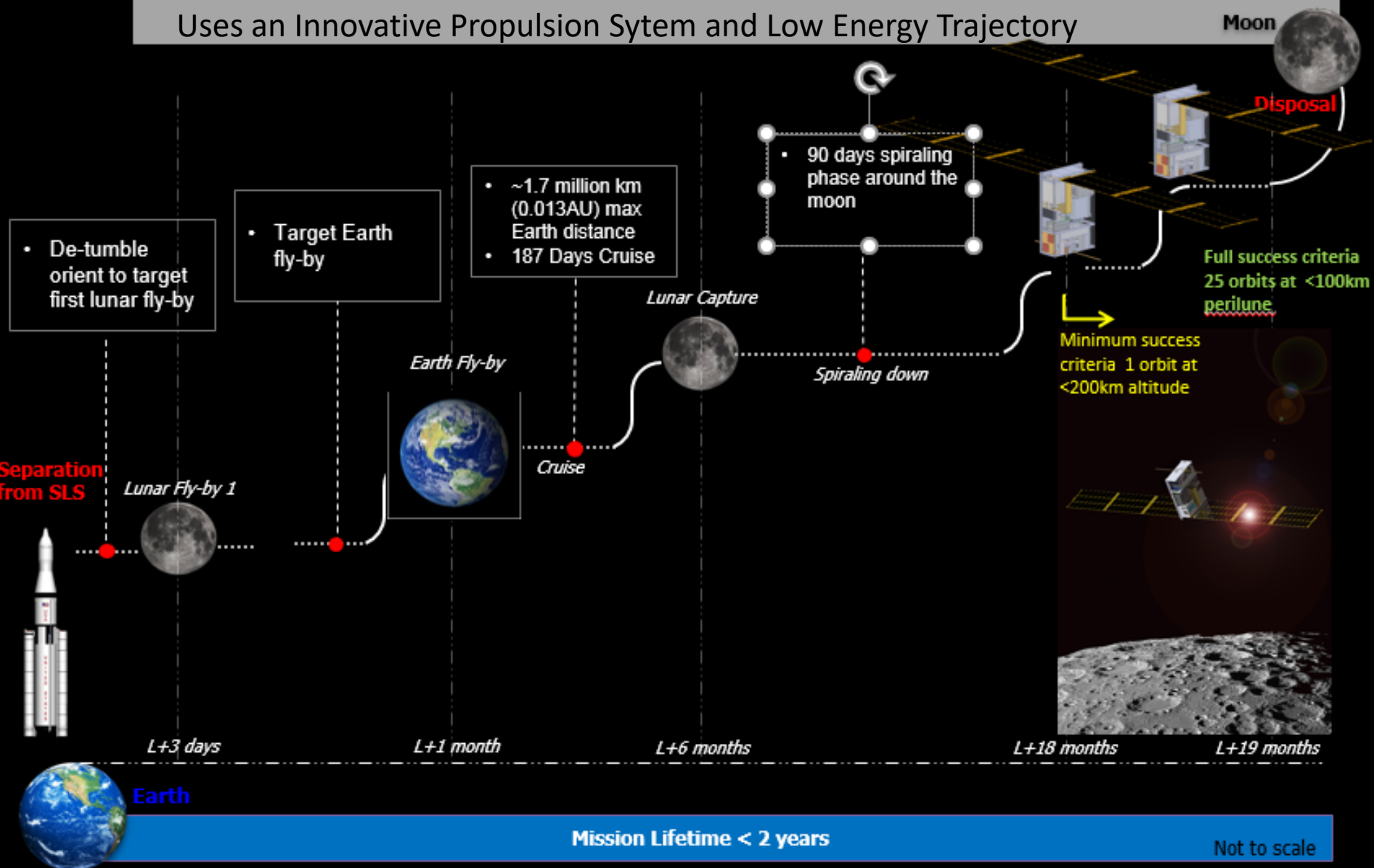


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Lunar IceCube ConOps

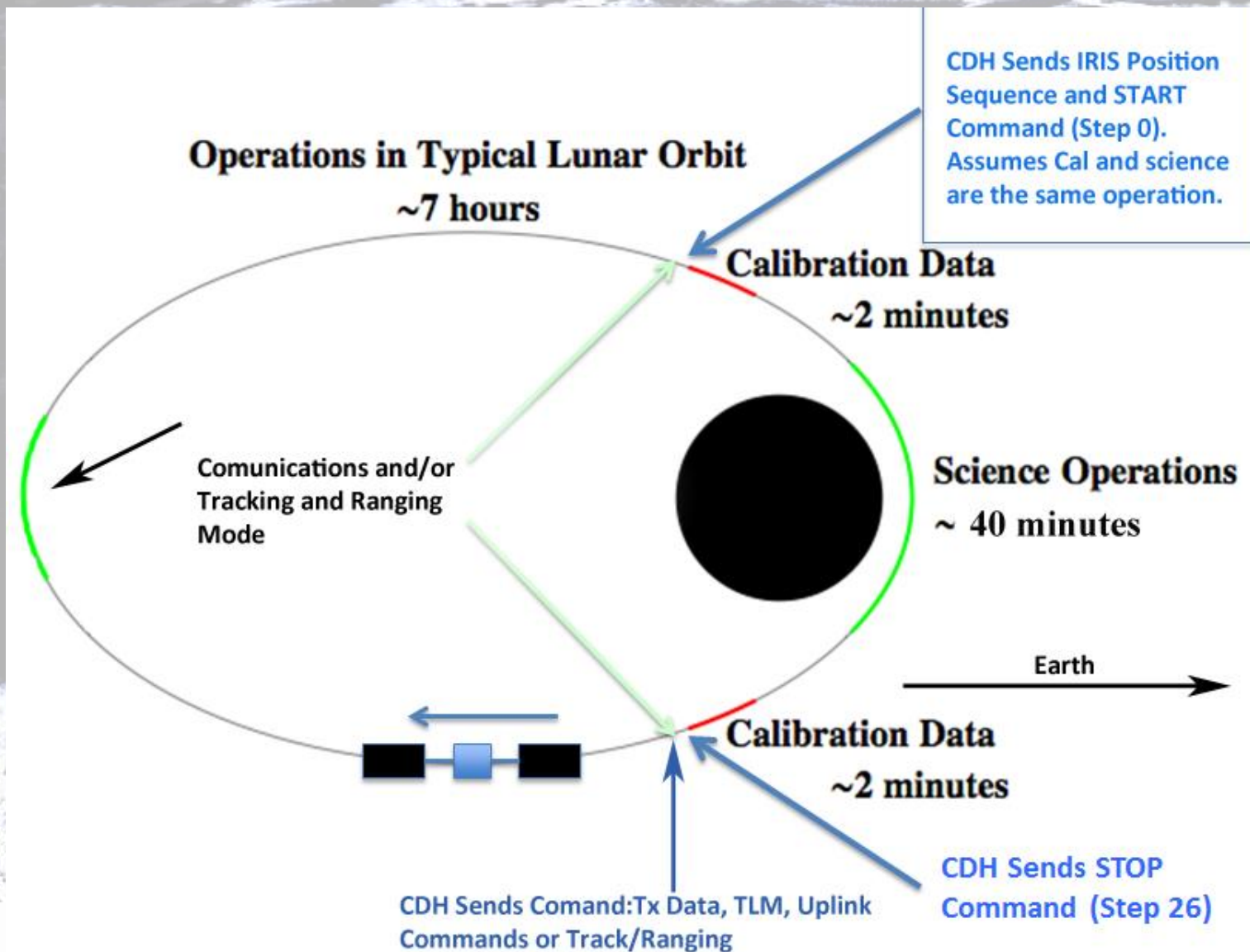
Uses an Innovative Propulsion System and Low Energy Trajectory



Mission Lifetime < 2 years

Not to scale

L-IC Science Orbit

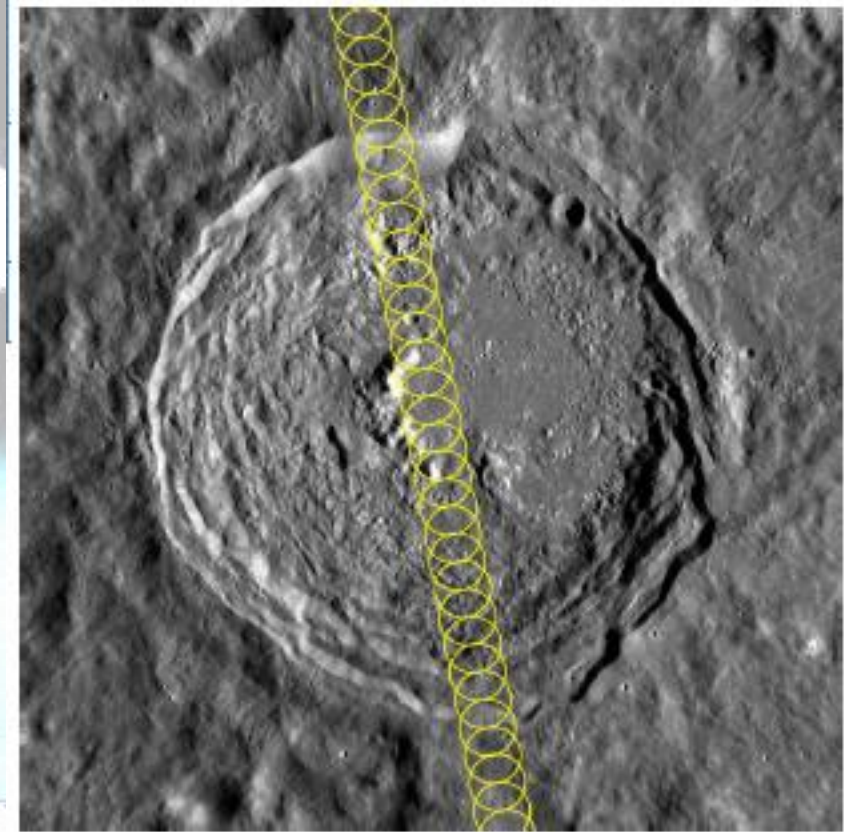


BIRCHES Observational Requirements

Adjustable Field Stop can adjust the FOV from 6 to 0.6 degrees to maintain footprint at 10 km for anticipated altitudes ranging from 10 to 1000 km.

Nominal Footprint 10 km in along track direction regardless of altitude, consecutive observations with overlapping coverage separated by a couple of kilometers (> Nyquist Sampling)

Nominal Footprint 10 km in cross track direction, with overlap of consecutive tracks at poles, separated by a couple of kilometers



Vavilov Crater:
100 km in diameter
1° S, 138° W

Lessons Learned

Thermal: A problem for 6U space cubesats with spectrometers. Possibly mitigated by advances in thermal design for next generation cubesats or by use of 12U.

BIRCHES: Still evolving strategy for stationkeeping, which requires reorienting spacecraft and turning on propulsion system, thus heating spacecraft. Optics box temperature control marginal. Mass expended to solve thermal problems (mostly) means we now have no margin.

COTS and Spares: Business as usual for cubesat 'maker' culture needs to be reinterpreted for a deep space mission with end user requirements (aerospace science and engineering culture). Make sure what you need exists and get that in writing.

BIRCHES: The reluctance to disclose internal workings of several COTS systems, as trade secrets, has created additional challenges. This should have been negotiated, with NDAs, at the beginning. Some of OVIRS spares have just been found.

Flight Software: Cubesats depend on it (adaptable, reconfigurable systems to minimize resources) even more than conventional spacecraft, and yet it is never adequately prioritized and budgeted.

BIRCHES: Budget now supplemented for GSFC Core Flight Executive operating system which has many of the drivers we need thanks to its low key use in many small missions.

Lessons Learned

Mission Operations: Cubesat operations can be demanding, but due to lack of budget, haven't typically funded a mission operations lead. Make sure you have one.

BIRCHES: the most operationally complex and challenging cubesat mission to date has finally received some additional support to rectify this situation.

Data Management: NASA is attempting to generate shared tools for the first group of deep space cubesats, but being tied in to an existing science data center is a must. PDS Science nodes have received some subsidies but not SPICE/NAIF.

BIRCHES: We were a tech demo, now we are required to deliver science data. We are still attempting to get additional support to deliver useful science data products to the PDS Geoscience node. We will need to leverage community support to deliver higher level data products.

Other EM1 Mission Complimentarity

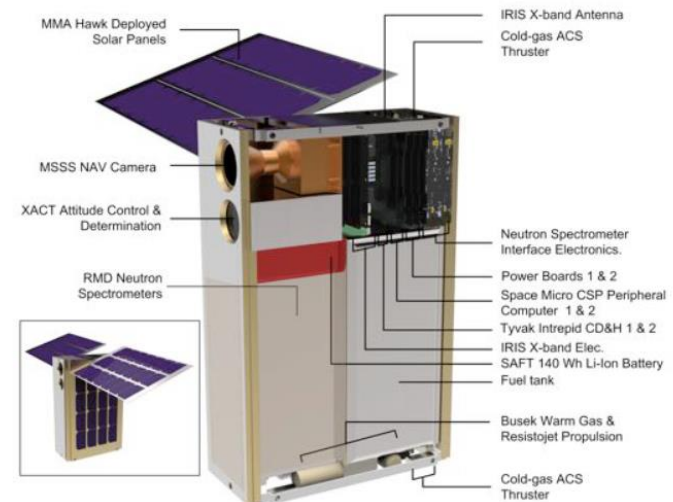
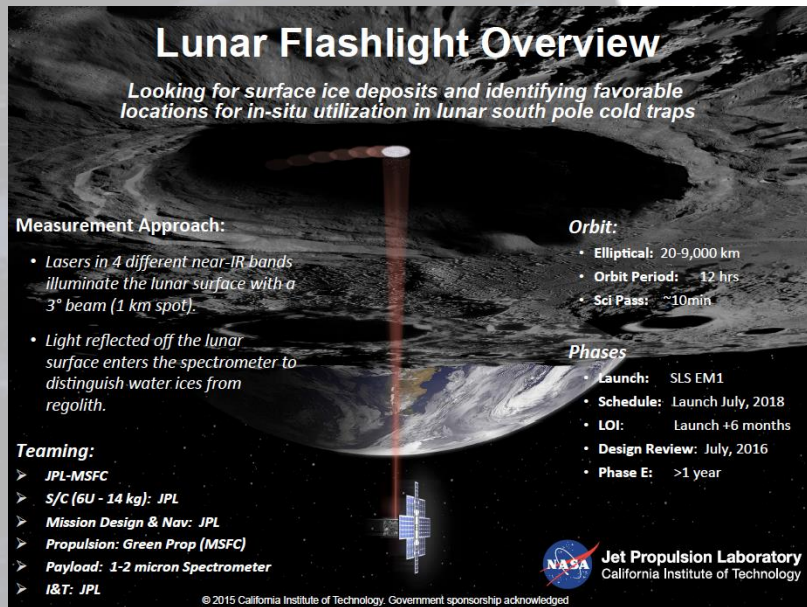


Figure 1: LunaH-Map cut-away showing spacecraft components and configuration. Inset image shows LunaH-Map deployed configuration.

Lunar Flashlight: Detect surface ice for PSRs polar region by measuring laser stimulated emission at several ice-associated lines.

LunaH Map: Detect ice in top layer (tens of centimeters) of regolith for PSRs polar region by measuring decrease in neutron flux (anti-correlated with protons) using neutron spectrometer.

Lunar IceCube: Determine water forms and components abundances as a function of time of day, latitude, and lunar regolith properties using broadband point spectrometer.

Conclusions

- BIRCHES will measure variations in liquid water, ice, OH distribution across the lunar surface as function of time of day (temperature and illumination) as well as providing basis for constraints for existing global/local volatile production/interaction models
- Lunar Ice Cube utilizes MSU cubesat bus with Busek propulsion and commercial subsystems modified for deep space, GSFC instrument and flight dynamics expertise with low energy manifolds to lunar capture, and JPL science PI and deep space communication expertise
- EM1 deployed Lunar Ice Cube lunar orbiter will deliver high priority measurements on lunar volatiles via a HEOMD NextSTEP mission selected to demonstrate technology for propulsion and compact volatile-detecting instrument capability
- Lunar Ice Cube, and the other EM1 cubesat missions measuring lunar volatiles, acting as a multi-platform cluster, are pioneering the use of the cubesat paradigm for deep space exploration.
- We are doing what cubesats are supposed to do: creating a tailored solution with a standard platform.

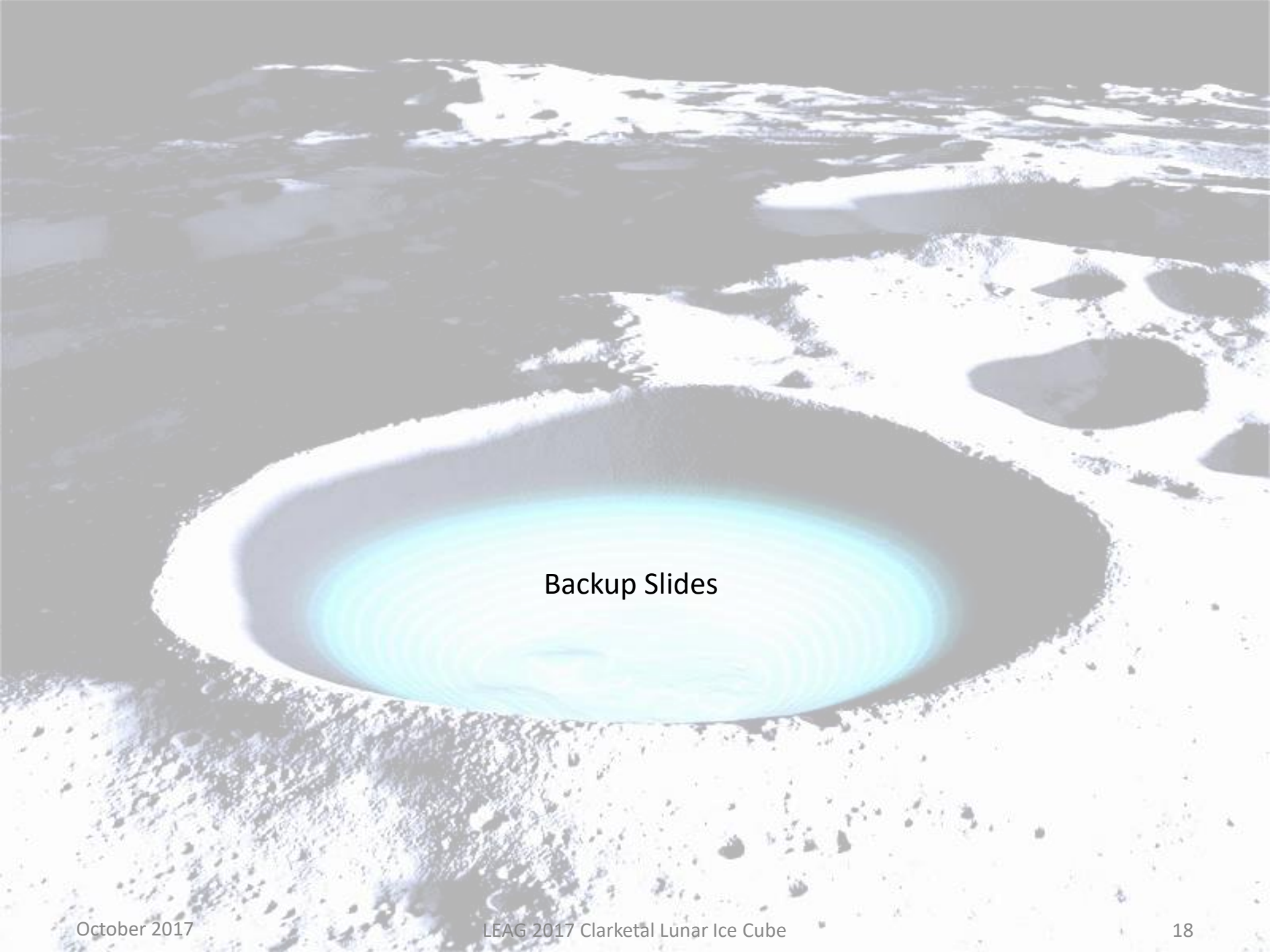


LunarCubes Are Back!!!!

CDW San Luis Obispo in April 2018

Your challenging science mission requirements needed

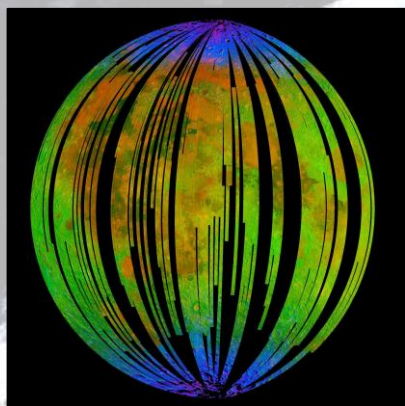
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Backup Slides

Lunar IceCube versus Previous Missions

Mission	Finding	IceCube
Cassini VIMS, Deep Impact	surface water detection, absorption vs time of day implying variable hydration	water & other volatiles, fully characterize 3 μ m region as function of several times of day for same swaths over range of latitudes w/ context of regolith mineralogy and maturity, radiation and particle exposure, for correlation w/ previous data
Chandrayaan M3	H ₂ O and OH (<3 microns) veneer in mineralogical context nearside snapshot at one lunation	
LCROSS	ice, other volatile presence and profile from impact in polar crater (greater depth)	
LP, LRO, LEND LAMP DVNR LOLA LROC, LADEE	H+ in first meter (LP, LEND) & at surface (LAMP) inferred as ice (cold trap) abundance via correlation with temperature (DIVINER), PSR and PFS (LROC, LOLA), H exosphere (LADEE)	

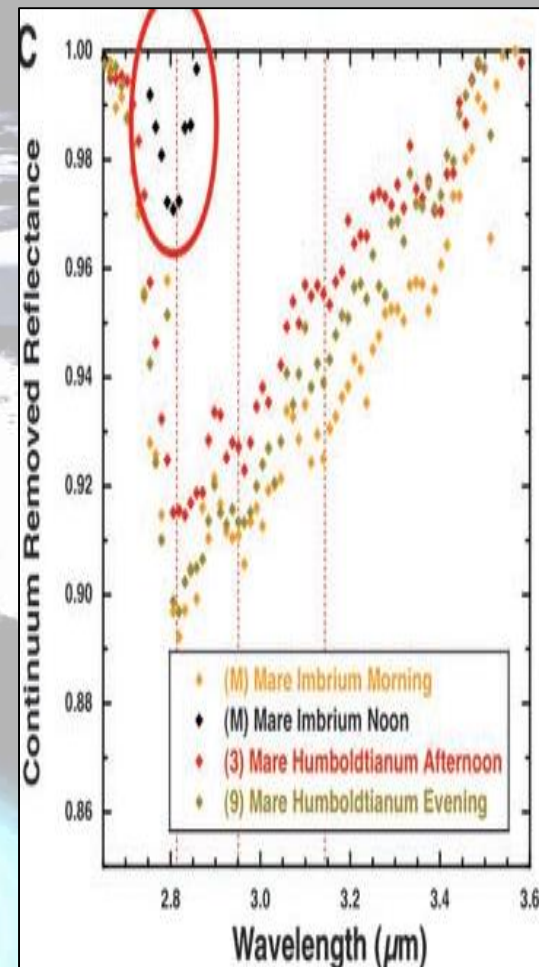


M3 'snapshot' lunar
nearside indicating
surface coating
OH/H₂O (blue) near
poles (Pieters et al,
2009)

Table B.2 IR measured volatile abundance in
LCROSS plume (Colaprete et al, 2010)

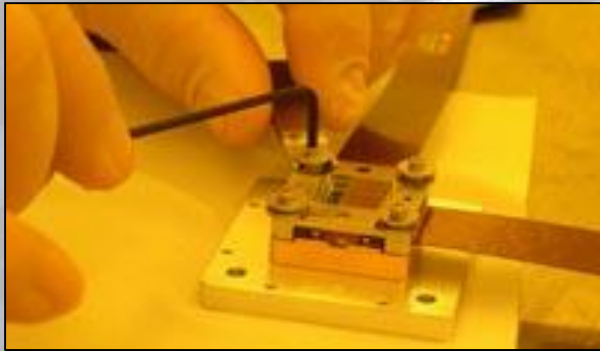
Compound	Molecules cm ⁻²	Relative to H ₂ O(g)*
H ₂ O	5.1(1.4)E19	100%
H ₂ S	8.5(0.9)E18	16.75%
NH ₃	3.1(1.5)E18	6.03%
SO ₂	1.6(0.4)E18	3.19%
C ₂ H ₂	1.6(1.7)E18	3.12%
CO ₂	1.1(1.0)E18	2.17%
CH ₂ OH	7.8(4.2)E17	1.55%
CH ₄	3.3(3.0)E17	0.65%
OH	1.7(0.4)E16	0.03%

*Abundance as described in text for fit in Fig 3C

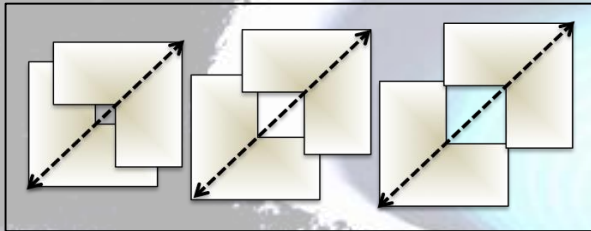


Early evidence for diurnal
variation trend in OH
absorption by Deep Impact
(Sunshine et al. 2009) which
will be geospatially linked by
Lunar IceCube.

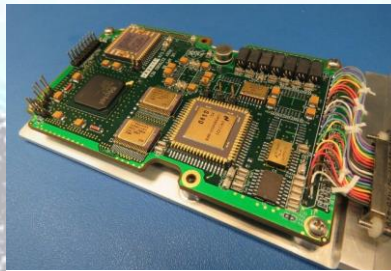
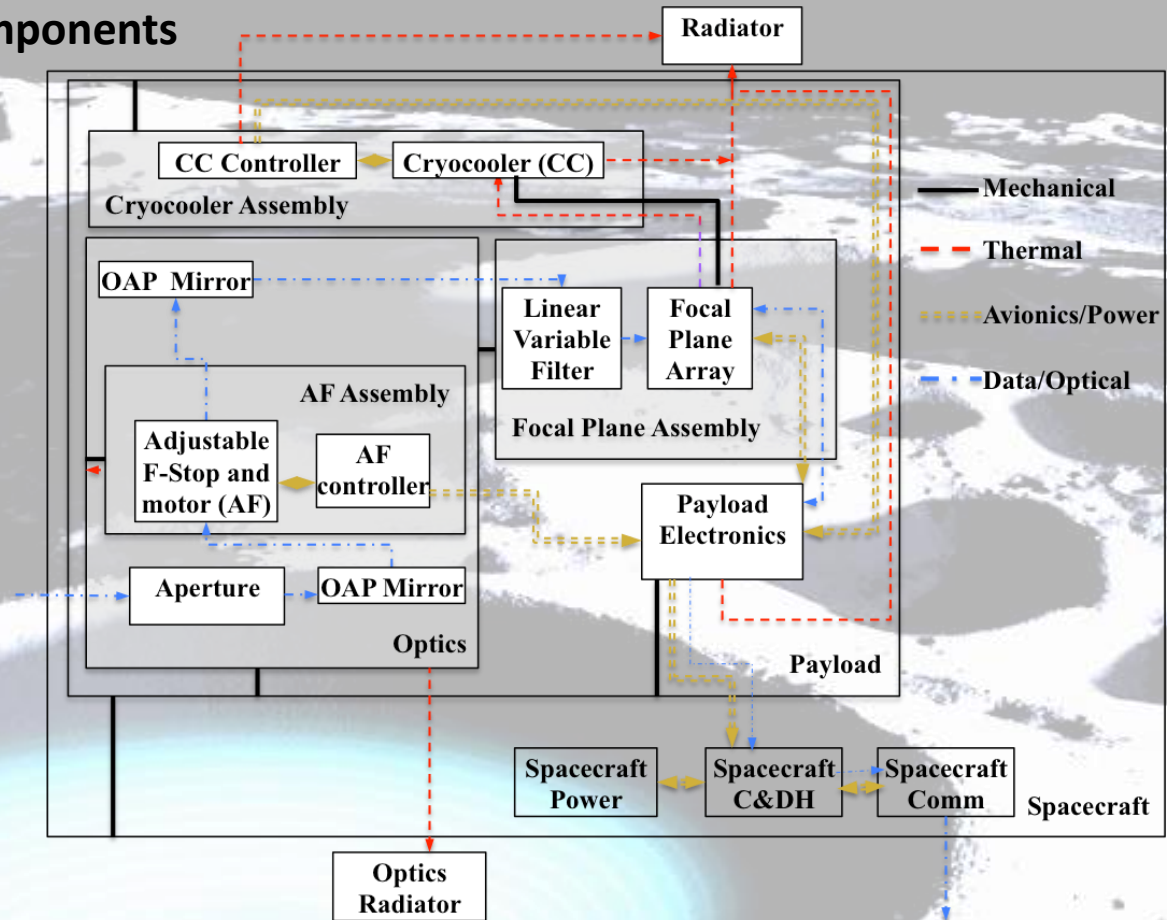
Spectrometer Schematic and Components



BIRCHES utilizes a compact Teledyne H1RG HgCdTe Focal Plane Array and JDSU linear variable filter leveraging OSIRIS REx OVIRS.



Adjustable Iris maintains footprint size at 10 km by varying FOV regardless of altitude



BIRCHES Analog Processing Unit (APU) (top)



COTS AFRL developed AIM SX030 microcryocooler with cold finger to maintain detector at $\leq 115K$ and iris controller



Bus Components

Thermal Design: with minimal radiator for interior the small form factor for BIRCHES means that interior experiences temperatures well within 0 to 40°C. Optics box which has a separate radiator to keep it below 220K. Initial thermal modeling funded via GSFC IRAD work.

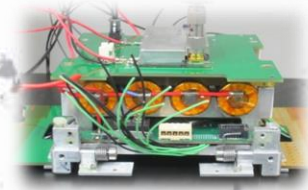
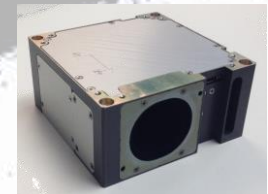
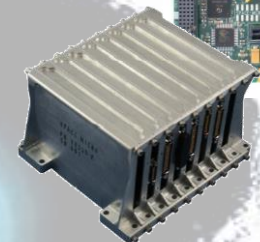
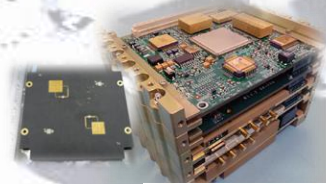
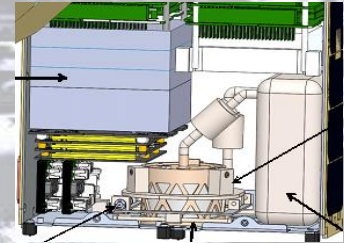
Propulsion: 2U Busek Gimbaled Iodine Ion Propulsion Drive (EP) with external e-source to offset charge build up. Models indicate no contamination problem.

Communication, Tracking: X-band, JPL Iris Radio, dual X-band patch antennas. MSU has 21-m dish that is becoming part of the DSN. Anticipated data rate 128 kb/s

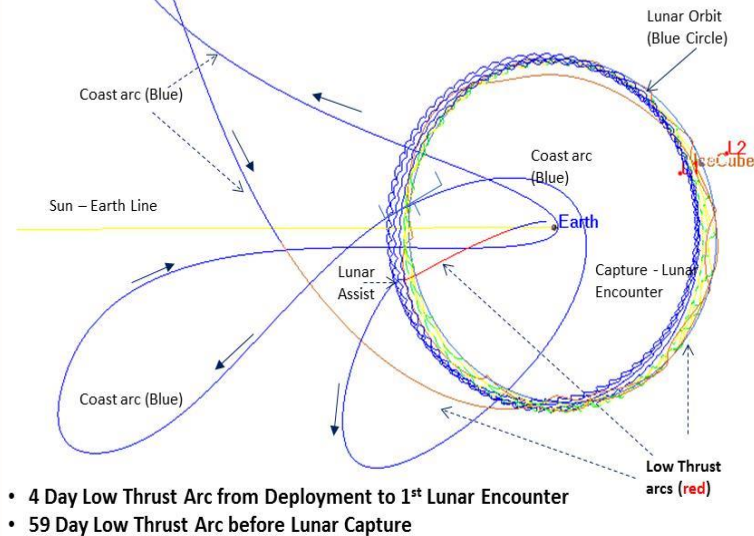
C&DH: Space Micro Proton 400K.

GNC/ACS: Modified Blue Canyon modified XACT. Multi-component (star trackers, IMU, RWA) packages. Stated Spacecraft pointing accuracy ± 0.007 deg(1-sigma)

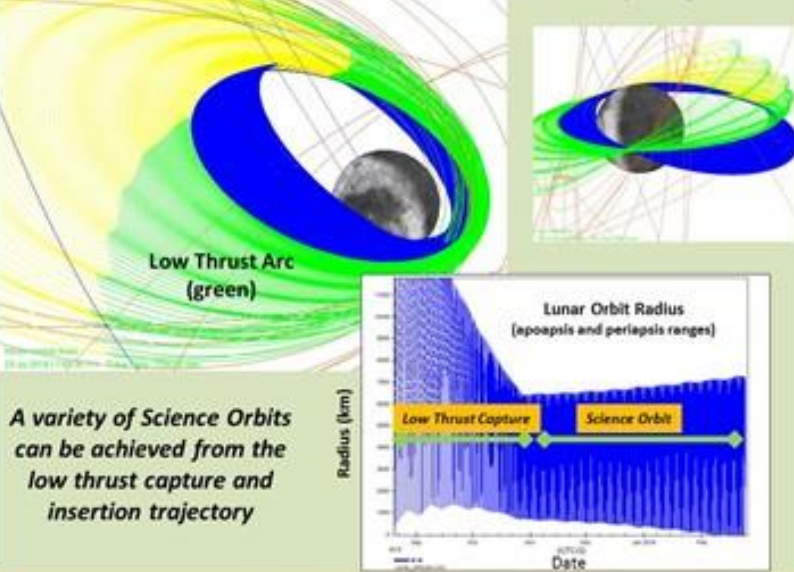
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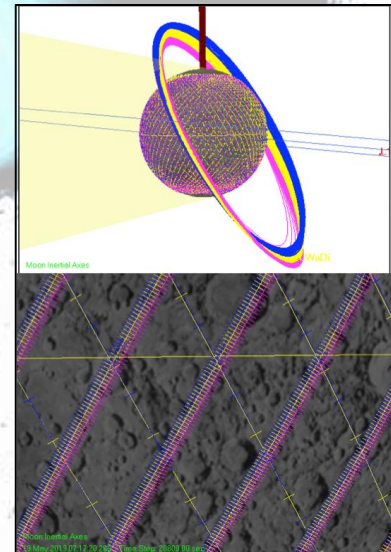
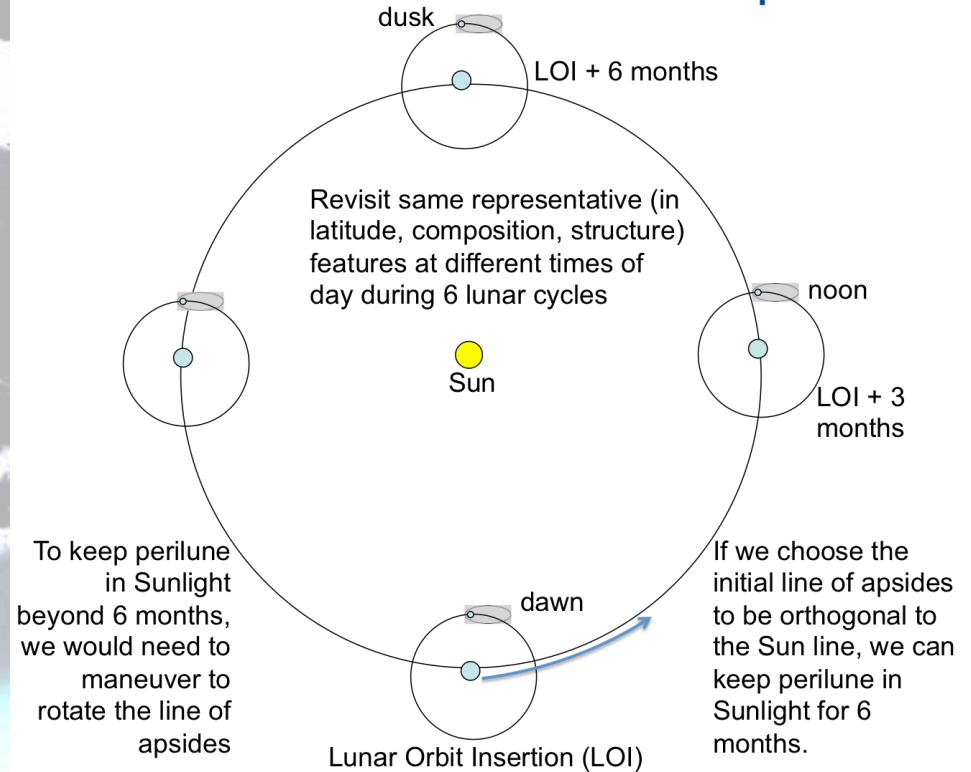
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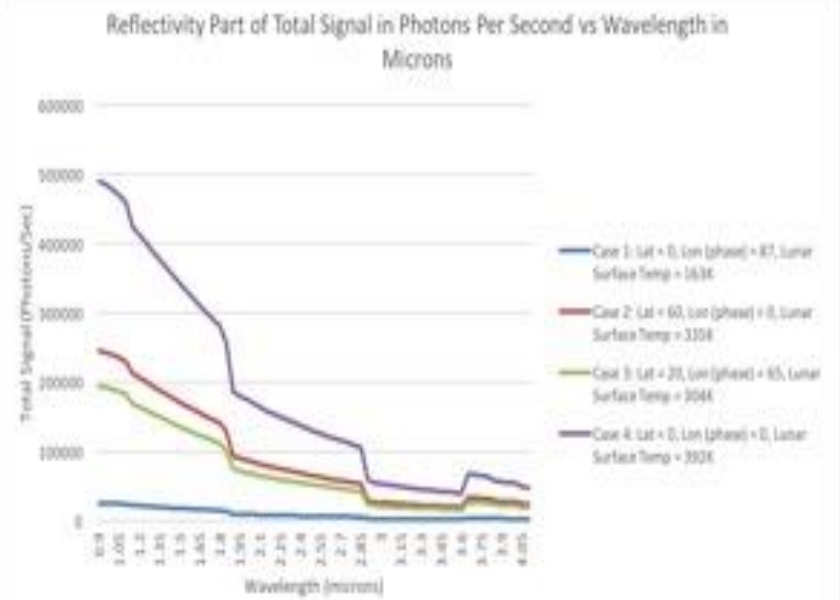
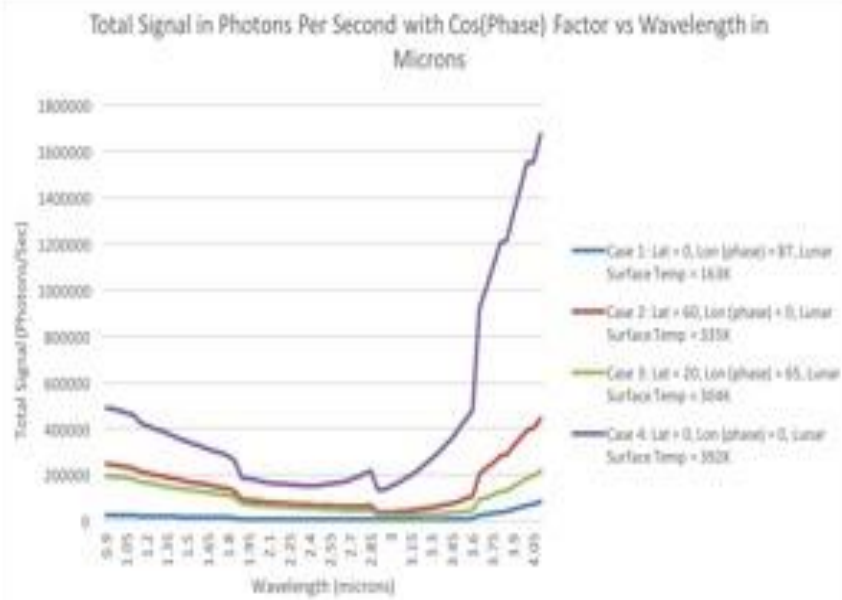


Low Thrust Insertion and Science Orbit (blue)



LWaDi 6 Month Mission Concept

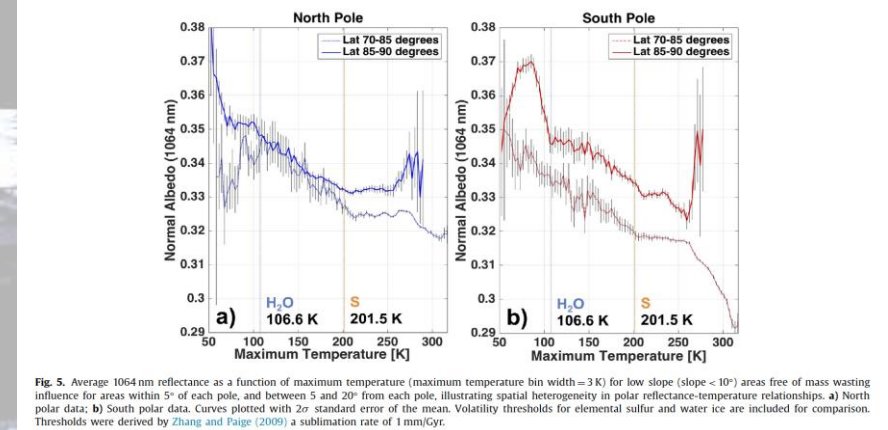




Case	Lat	ToD	Temp K	Reflectivity @ 3um photons/sec	Total Signal	SNR	Band depth/PPM water		
							0.1/1000	0.05/500	0.01/100
1	0	87	163	3254	2760	52	276	138	27
2	60	0	335	39045	26400	162	2640	1320	264
3	20	65	304	24279	20963	145	2096	1480	210
4	0	0	395	150777	52800	230	5280	2640	528

More recent studies and Bottom Line:

- Given BIRCHES measurements indicating variations in liquid water, ice, OH distribution across the lunar surface as function of time of day, ergo, temperature and illumination regime
- Given context of previous observations and ongoing studies
- we can examine water, ice, and OH 'signatures' and implications for water-related processes including hydroxylation, water adsorption or desorption for:
 - Latitude and local magnetic anomalies
 - Local Slope orientation and shadowing
 - Composition, soil type, and maturity
 - Crater size and age
 - Transient (as opposed to systematic) effects such as impact or enhanced solar activity events



Evidence for surface ice at South Pole from LRO LA (Fisher et al 2017) and for magnetic anomaly and latitudinal impacts on space weather 'darkening' (Hemingway et al 2015)

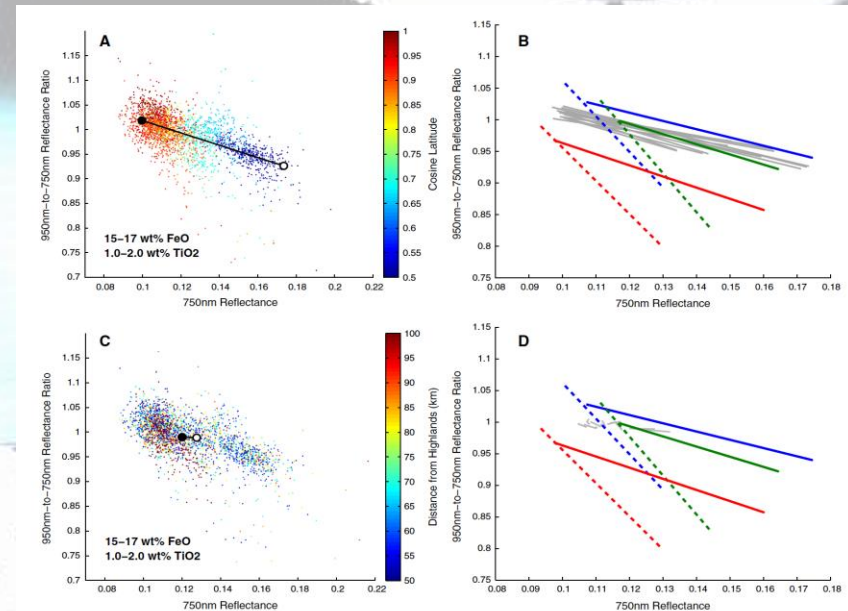


Fig. 15. Color variation of mare surfaces that are at least 50 km from the nearest highlands (compare with Fig. 4, which characterizes the entire lunar surface; and Fig. 10, which characterizes all of the maria). (A) Spectral characteristics of pixels sampled from regions with between 15 and 17 wt% FeO and between 1 and 2 wt% TiO₂. Points are color-coded according to cosine latitude, as in Fig. 4. (B) Compilation of latitudinal trends across the 13 compositional bins compared to the swirl- and impact-related trends (red, green, and blue lines). (C) Spectral characteristics of the same pixels as in (A), except that points are color-coded according to distance from the highlands: blue points correspond to locations that are 50 km from the mare/highland boundary whereas red points correspond to locations that are 100 km or more from the nearest highlands (pixels within 50 km of the nearest highlands are excluded). The black trend line represents a least squares best fit through the data points with the end points indicating the color predicted by the best-fit line at locations 50 km (white circle) and 100 km (black circle) from the mare/highland boundary. (D) Compilation of the 13 highland-distance trend lines (gray lines) compared to the swirl- and impact-related trends (red, green, and blue lines). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)